

Gathering Music: Jennifer Turner

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Gathering Song

~ MV 156 ~

♪♪ **Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', walk with the Spirit throughout the long day. Work and hope for the new life abornin', listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Welcome: Rev. Greg Powell

Territorial Acknowledgement

We gather on land that has sustained the Esquimalt, the Songhees, and their trading partners for a long time even before churches, houses, shops, and community centres were built. We seek reconciliation and right relationship; we also seek wisdom to be good stewards of the land and good stewards of power for the sake of all life.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

Holy Mystery, Loving God, we gather to hear the Good News, to proclaim a way of life that nourishes all souls, and to give thanks. Today we give thanks for fathers, and we give thanks for the ways The United Church of Canada has resisted attempts to marginalize people. We also acknowledge that we have missed the mark from time to time and that there is work to do. Grant us an open mind and a sensitive heart, so that we can carry your message of new life for all. Bless this gathering as we attune to your presence and your calls on our life. Amen.

Hymn: MV 1 Let Us Build a House

Sharing the Peace of Christ

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

♪♪ **Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.** ~ MV 85 ~

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:13-16

Read by: Carol Yanisch

Reflection: Rev. Greg Powell

Hymn: We Are a Rainbow (see Insert)

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

Prayers of the People: Anne Manikel

Communion Song

♪♪ **For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead...**

Refrain:

... and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy. Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For all who share life, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for all who share life, a system that's fair...

Refrain

For all who have breath, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and colour, for all who have breath, the chalice of grace... *Refrain*

Offering Ourselves with our Gifts

♪♪ **Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts make full, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed. ~ VU 372 ~

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

Commissioning and Blessing

Response ~ VU 649 ~

♪♪ **Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that God has planned where love shines through.**

Postlude: Poem & Song (see Insert)

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on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

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and 100 Years of
The United Church of Canada
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